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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action (Paper No. 12), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2003 for three (3) months from October 11, 2003 to January 11, 2004. Please charge the fee for the three -month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3372.

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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in light of the amendments and the remarks below.

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. Applicants acknowledge that the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 has been accepted, and the finality of the previous Office Action has been withdrawn by the Examiner (Paper No. 12, page 2).